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The plan of an extensive fishery on the western coast of Ireland, has been lately submitted to public notice, and meetings held in Dublin and Belfast, to sanction the measure. At those meetings, flattering prospects for amending the linen trade of Ireland, have been suggested, and great benefits promised from the plan of draining bogs. On those points we exercise a cautious scepticism. Public works have not generally succeeded in Ireland, but have commonly descended into private jobs. In matters of trade, we are cautious of trusting to plans of ardent theorists, in opposition to the duller ploddings of practice.

Exchange on London is now about  $9\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., and discount on Bank-notes 14 to 20 per cent.

### NATURALISTS' REPORT.

*From August 20, till September 20.*

- Aug. 22...Reaping of Oats commenced.  
 23...Variegated Meadow Saffron (*Colchicum variegatum*) flowering.  
 Sept. 1...Red Chelone (*Chelone Obliqua*) flowering.  
 3...Wood Lark (*Alauda Arborea*) singing, and Quail (*Tetrao Coturnix*) yet calling.  
 4...Common Swallows (*Hirundo Rustica*) assembling in flocks.  
 7...Clouded Orange Butterfly (*Papilio Adusa*) flying about.  
 9...A White Throat (*Motacilla cinerea*) seen this day.  
 15...Brown Butterfly, with white spots (*Papilio Gegeria*), Brown Butterfly, with yellow orange spots (*Papilio Megera*), Cabbage Butterfly (*Papilio Brassica*), and small Heath Butterfly (*P. Phloas*), with common swallows (*Hirundo Rustica*), and white-rumped Martins (*Hirundo Urbica*), seen this day.  
 16...A Tern, or sea-swallow, (*Sterna Hirundo*) seen on the shore of Belfast Lough.

### METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

*From August 20, till September 20,*

- Aug. 21,.....Light showers.  
 22, 23,.....Fine.  
 24, 25,.....Wet.  
 26,.....Showery morning, fine day after.  
 27,.....Light Showers.  
 28,.....A light shower in the afternoon.  
 29,.....Rain in the morning.  
 30,.....Fine.  
 31,.....Wet morning.  
 Sept. 1, 9,.....Very fine.  
 10,.....Fine day, a shower in the evening.  
 11, 19,.....Very Fine.  
 20,.....Cloudy, but dry.

The only misty weather we have had this season, was on the mornings and the evenings of the 18th and 14th.

The Barometer was on the 27th of August in the fore part of the day at 29-3. The rest of this period it varied little from 30—the four first days of September it stood as high as 30-3.

The Thermometer has been more than usually high for the season. Several mornings it ranged above 60—on the 22d of August it was at 62, on the 11th of September it was 63, and the lowest was on the 2d of Sept, when it stood at 52.